



**St. Luke's  
Lutheran Church**



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*Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.*

**Sunday, November 29, 2020 – 11:00 AM**

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**FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT  
(Series B)**

## **AS WE GATHER**

We begin a new Church Year boldly begging for the advent of our risen Lord Jesus, His final coming to rescue and save us. Our boldness, however, is tempered with the humility of faith that says, “Nevertheless, Thy will be done.” For we know and even expect that His answer to our prayer will be hidden in mystery. It may be the mystery of our continued cry for mercy or the surprise of His final advent as victorious Lord and Judge of all. We know what followed our Lord’s humble entry into Jerusalem that great and holy week of His passion, namely, the mystery and surprise that His victory and the glory of God should be displayed for all the world on a cross. So today we pray with bold humility and confidence, for His coming and deliverance will always have a note of surprise—blessed surprise.

## **IMAGE ON THE COVER**

They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and He sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. *Mark 11:7–8*

## **PRELUDE**

*(Please use this time to prayerfully prepare your hearts to enter into the presence of Jesus.)*

# **✠A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE✠**

## **LIGHTING OF CANDLES (INCLUDING ADVENT WREATH)**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Stand*

## **PRESERVICE SONG - "Come Into His Presence" Psalm 95:3**

1, 2 Come into His presence with thanksgiving in your heart  
And give Him praise, and give Him praise  
Come into His presence with thanksgiving in your heart  
Your voices raise, your voices raise  
Give glory and honor and power unto Him  
Jesus, the name above all names

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*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## **INVOCATION**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**P** As we begin a new Church Year, let us put behind us everything in the past that would disqualify us from a new life, and remembering our Baptism, we boldly petition our Savior Jesus Christ, seeking for our entry into His presence and His plan and future for us, saying, stir up Your power, O Lord, and come,

**C** **that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance.**

**P** What are those threatening perils? I now ask you before God, who searches the heart, do you sincerely confess that you have sinned against God and deserved His wrath and punishment?

**C** **I do confess.**

**P** So you should confess as Holy Scripture says, “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”

Do you also repent of all your sins committed in thought, word, and deed?

**C** **I do repent.**

**P** So you should repent as did King David, who prayed for a contrite heart; Peter, who wept bitterly; the sinful woman; the prodigal son; and others.

Do you sincerely believe that God, by grace, for Jesus’ sake, will forgive you all your sins?

**C** **I do believe.**

**P** So you should believe as Holy Scripture declares, “God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”

Do you promise that with the aid of the Holy Spirit you will amend your sinful life?

**C** **I do promise.**

**P** So you should promise for Christ the Lord says, “Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

Finally, do you believe that through me, a called servant of God, you will receive the forgiveness of all your sins?

**C** **I do believe.**

**P** As you believe, even so may it be to you. Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

- P** Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come,  
**C** that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils  
of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance. Amen.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.

- P** Let us pray.

By Your own great power, O Lord, we pray that You come to us to protect us by Your might from all evil, and deliver and save us from our sins; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

*Sit*

## OPENING SONG – “Great I Am”

- 1 I want to be close, close to Your side  
So Heaven is real and death is a lie  
I want to hear voices of angels above singing as one
- 2, 4, Hallelujah, holy, holy  
6,7 God Almighty, the great I Am  
Who is worthy, none beside Thee  
God Almighty, the great I Am
- 3 I want to be near, near to Your heart  
Loving the world and hating the dark  
I want to see dry bones living again singing as one
- 5 The mountains shake before You, the demons run in fear  
At the mention of the name King of Majesty  
There is no power in hell or any who can stand  
Before the power and the presence of the great I Am  
Great I Am, great I Am

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## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 64:1-9

*(Rend the heavens and come down.)*

<sup>1</sup>Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
that the mountains might quake at your presence—

<sup>2</sup>as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil—

to make your name known to your adversaries,  
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!

<sup>3</sup>When you did awesome things that we did not look for,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

<sup>4</sup>From of old no one has heard  
or perceived by the ear,  
no eye has seen a God besides you,  
who acts for those who wait for him.

<sup>5</sup>You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,  
those who remember you in your ways.

Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;  
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?

<sup>6</sup>We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.

We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

<sup>7</sup>There is no one who calls upon your name,  
who rouses himself to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

<sup>8</sup>But now, O LORD, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.

<sup>9</sup>Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,  
and remember not iniquity forever.  
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

*Psalm 80:1–7; antiphon: v. 7*

**L** <sup>7</sup>Restore us , O God of Hosts;  
**C**       **let your face shine, that we may be saved**

**L** <sup>1</sup>Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
      you who lead Joseph like a flock!  
**C**       **You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.**

**L** <sup>2</sup>Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,  
      stir up your might  
**C**       **and come to save us!**

**L** <sup>3</sup>Restore us, O God;  
**C**       **let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

**L** <sup>4</sup>O Lord God of hosts,  
**C**       **how long will you be angry with your people’s prayers?**

**L** <sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the bread of tears  
**C**       **and given them tears to drink in full measure.**

**L** <sup>6</sup>You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,  
**C**       **and our enemies laugh among themselves.**

**L** <sup>7</sup>Restore us , O God of Hosts;  
**C**       **let your face shine, that we may be saved**

**C**       **Glory be to the Father and to the Son**  
          **and to the Holy Spirit;**  
          **as it was in the beginning,**  
          **is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**L** <sup>7</sup>Restore us , O God of Hosts;  
**C**       **let your face shine, that we may be saved**

## EPISTLE

*1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

*(Thanksgiving)*

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—<sup>6</sup>even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA & VERSE

*Psalm 24:7*

**P** Alleluia. Lift up your heads, O gates!

**C** And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.  
Alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-37

*(The Coming of the Son of Man)*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus said:] “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup>“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup>“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. <sup>35</sup>Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— <sup>36</sup>lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Sit*

## LAMB'S MESSAGE

### SERMON

### OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

1. **Offering plates** are available in the narthex as you exit.
2. Please **send** your offerings to  
St. Luke's Lutheran Church  
4801 Anderson Avenue  
Manhattan, KS 66503
3. Give through our **website**:  
<https://stlukesmanhattan.org/about-us/financial-support/>
4. **Electronic Funds Transfer** - Sign up through the church office.

**STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: 1 Corinthians 1:9 – “God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”** The faithfulness of God is our great comfort. He has made promises to us, and He will keep them. He is kind and loving toward us, and He will not break faith with us. This gives us the confidence to step out in faith, to leave fear behind. When it comes to following the Lord's commandments for our daily lives, we know His will is best for us because our God is faithful.

## **POST SERMON SONG** - “Beautiful Savior” Revelation 4:11

- 1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation  
Son of God and son of man  
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown
  
- 2 Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands  
Robed in flowers of blooming spring  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer  
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing
  
- 3 Fair is the sunshine, fairer is the moonlight  
Bright the sparkling stars on high  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky
  
- 4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations  
Son of God and son of man  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration  
Now and forevermore be Thine  
Now and forevermore be Thine

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*Stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs

Almighty God, our Father, we give You thanks that You bring us once again into a new Church Year whereby we confess and proclaim Your great love for the world in the sending of Your only-begotten Son as the Child of the Virgin Mary, the Lamb proclaimed by John the Baptist, the teacher of the holy apostles, the sacrifice for the sins of the world on the cross, and the risen Savior of all, who will come again in glory on the Last Day. Lord, keep us in this confession and faith, and bless its proclamation throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Supply Your whole Church on earth with faithful pastors and laborers who will continually feed and lead Your people, rightly proclaiming Your Word, administering Your Holy Sacraments, and caring for all in their charge. Guard and bless Your servant [*name*], our Synod President, and [*name*], our District President. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** That we may live in peace and safety, we ask You to continually bless those in the authority of government, the President and Congress of the United States, the governor and legislature of this state, and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws. Grant that they rule according to Your good pleasure by Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Comfort, O Lord, all who are in trouble, danger, or illness, [*especially* . . .]. Grant healing, peace, and courage for all bearing their crosses to Your praise and honor. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

*Individual petitions may be added here.*

**P** As Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, came down to us at Christmas and now comes to us by Your Spirit in Your Word, we pray for His final coming to deliver us all in the great day of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** **Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## CONCLUDING COLLECT FOR THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray.

O holy and most merciful God, You have taught us the way of Your commandments. We implore You to pour out Your grace into our hearts. Cause it to bear fruit in us that, being ever mindful of Your mercies and Your laws, we may always be directed to Your will and daily increase in love toward You and one another. Enable us to resist all evil and to live a godly life. Help us to follow the example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and to walk in His steps until we shall possess the kingdom that has been prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## **CLOSING SONG** - “The River is Here” Psalm 46:4, Revelation 22:1

- 1           Down the mountain the river flows  
              And it brings refreshing wherever it goes  
              Through the valleys and over the fields  
              The river is rushing and the river is here
- 2, 4, 6       The river of God sets our feet a dancing  
7,8           The river of God fills our hearts with cheer  
              The river of God fills our mouths with laughter  
              And we rejoice for the river is here
- 3           The river of God is teeming with life  
              And all who touch it can be revived  
              And those who linger on this river’s shore  
              Will come back thirsting for more of the Lord
- 5           Up to the mountain we love to go  
              To find the presence of the Lord  
              Along the banks of the river we run  
              We dance with laughter giving praise to the Son  
              (Words and music by Andy Park, Used by permission CCLI #288089)

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